



Earlier today, Tennessee Governor Bill Lee issued a statement urging school closures related to the COVID-19 virus. Bradley County and Cleveland City Schools will follow this recommendation to remain closed through March 31, 2020. As new information develops, we will continue to update the community. No school activities will take place during this closure - sports, field trips, fine arts, etc. All ballfields, gymnasiums, schools, etc. are closed and considered off-limits unless permission is granted in advance by the school administration. All CDC and Tennessee Department of Health regulations will be followed regarding public events.

The school breakfast and lunch program offered by both districts will continue throughout the closure. As a reminder, any student 18 or under may obtain a free breakfast or lunch at any of the locations mentioned on our websites and social media pages.

Our academic continuation plans are underway and will be shared with the public as soon as possible this week. Please continue to check your emails, our websites, and social media for future updates.

Thank you for trusting us with your child's education and we will do all we can to ensure a quality education is achieved by all students.

Statement from Governor Bill Lee:

"As the response to COVID-19 evolves, I urge every school district in Tennessee to close as soon as practically possible, with all schools expected to close by Friday, March 20, 2020 at the latest. Schools should remain closed through March 31, 2020 to further mitigate the spread of this infectious disease and we will issue further guidance prior to March 31. Superintendents and local leadership have the full support of my administration to determine effective dates for closure this week as they evaluate what is best for families within their respective districts. We understand the tremendous burden school closure places on families and we will continue to work with both the federal government and school districts to ensure we continue essential supports like meals for students in need. Every Tennessean has a role to play in preventing the spread of COVID-19 and I urge Tennesseans to be quick to help neighbors as new needs surface with the closure of schools."

Respectfully,

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